



Texas Youth Leadership Clubs

Today's Texas youth represent tomorrow's parents, leaders, workers and citizens. To ensure that our young people grow up to be productive, well-educated, healthy adults, it's important to focus on all areas of a young person's life. To assist communities in achieving these goals for our youth, the Texas Department of State Health Services Abstinence-Centered Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program supports leadership clubs throughout the state. Middle and high school students in Texas can form clubs and apply to be part of the Texas Youth Leadership Club (TYLC) program. TYLC will support any club providing activities that reinforce peer support of decisions to delay sexual activity and influence youth norms toward positive lifestyle choices. TYLC affiliation provides members a free club T-shirt and technical assistance by DSHS staff for the club affiliate. TYLC members also have the opportunity to strengthen their social network by having an opportunity to send members to the annual Texas Youth Leadership Summit. Leadership club members gain the opportunity to attend the annual Texas Youth Leadership Summit via active club participation.

Information on how to become an official Texas Youth Leadership Club can be found at:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/abstain/youthleadclubs.shtm>

Clubs Must Have:

- An adult sponsor and participating middle or high school youth registered with DSHS.
- Activities conducted during school or offered outside of school time.
- Activities focused on leadership and character building including: community service projects, media projects, advocacy activities, leadership events, Power2wait games and regular club meetings.
- Activities that reinforce peer decision to delay sexual activity and influence youth norms toward positive lifestyle choices.

To be an official TYLC member:

- Prospective member must be in middle or high school.
- Prospective member must attend at least one local club activity.
- Prospective member will participate in age-appropriate activities in the Power2wait toolkit.

**TEXAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



Your club's name:

Mailing address information (includes mailing address, street, city, state and zip code):

Counties served by club:

Club sponsor* contact information (include name, phone, fax and email):

Purpose of your club:

Briefly describe how your club supports youth's decisions to delay sexual activity:

Does your club have regularly scheduled meetings, and if so when do you meet:

Email questions or comments about registration to abstinence@dshs.state.tx.us or call (512) 458-7111 ext. 6468.

**Fax form to: 1-512-458-7555 or mail to: TX DSHS, Abstinence-Centered Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program,
G-407 MC 1925, PO BOX 14937, Austin, TX 78756**

**Sponsor must be over 18*